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OFFICE OF THE NEWS OCCUPIES HISTORIC SITE

The home of the Sweet Briar News has seen many other faces and scenes before it came to harbor the office of the publications of Sweet Briar. Its former occupants would be very much surprised if they returned and saw it as it is today. Probably Mrs. Williams herself would be astounded at the spectacle it presents.

As one sees it now, it is a small green cabin, back of Sweet Briar House. On the inside, the walls are whitewashed, and on the floor is checked linoleum and a large rug. The furniture consists of a large table in the center of the room; a flat desk, property of the News; a roll-top desk, property of the Briar Club; an old-fashioned writing desk used by The Brambler; and an old book-case where exchanges are filed. It is modernly equipped with electric lights and steam heat.

Formerly, the heat for the Cabin came from a large fireplace on one side of the room. The first occupant was Logan Anderson, an old negro man who was one of the caretakers of Sweet Briar House in Mrs. Williams' time. Another occupant, later on, was Hob Tucker, a successor of Logan Anderson, who lived there with his small son.

Then Mrs. Williams fixed the house up as a typical old Virginia cabin, and it remained like this until after her death. In it were a spinning-wheel and dax wheel, large soap pot, candle moulds and many reminders of the anti-slavery days. A huge gourd in which salt was kept hung on the wall and supplies for making salt cases were kept there too. Mrs. Williams had an old-fashioned spittoon over the fire-place, and whenever she visited the cabin they were prepared over the open fire. A string of red pepper which hung on the wall the year round, added a touch of color to the scene. One interesting thing in the Cabin was a brass plate warmer, about two feet high, having racks for the plates. In order to warm them it was set very close to the stove or fire-place. There were three homemade chairs there also—the whole scene giving one a typical picture of an old Southern workroom as it had been in the time of Mrs. Williams' mother.

Since then the Cabin has probably housed other families but their names have been forgotten in the busy life that goes on around Sweet Briar. Even until three years ago some one lived in it. When it was prepared for the office of the Sweet Briar publications it had to undergo a thorough cleaning to make it habitable, as it had been used for a store-room for some time.

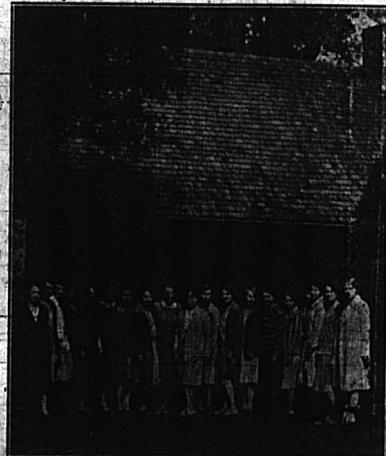
Surgeons Attend To Trees

Tree surgeons from the Davy Tree Expert Company of Kent, Ohio, are here this week doctoring the trees about campus.

The only tree that is receiving real surgical attention this year is the Elm at the end of the walk towards Sweet Briar House just before it crosses the road. The other trees are only being trimmed.

Tree lovers will be sorry to know that the great white oak at the end of the road is to receive no more attention because its condition is such that it would only mean the waste of a great deal of money to try to save it. It is to be left undisturbed for the remaining years of its life.

THE NEWS STAFF FOR 1927-28.



Song Contest Announced Awards Made in Spring

A contest for the composition of class and college songs will take place in the spring. The College Council, Miss Givens, is arousing interest in this by announcing the lines of which are particularly witty. The cast is composed entirely of new members in the club.

2. Songs will be judged for the quality of the words and music.

3. Original music will be given preference, and no copyright music can be used without permission of the publisher.

The best college song will be selected by a committee and will be sung by the Glee Club which, together with the Student Government Association, is sponsoring the contest.

At the same time each class will present a new class-song, the best of which will be chosen by the popular vote of the audience.

NOTICE

There will be three regular length class periods on Saturday, December 17th. This means that classes will be over by eleven o'clock.

The special will leave Sweet Briar on Saturday, December 17, at 11:45 a.m., and will reach Washington at 4:05 p.m. It goes to New York, after switching off the Special sleepers for Cleveland and Chicago.

Friday, December 16th, Representatives of the Southern Railroad will set up a ticket office in Mr. Dow's office to sell the tickets and reservation which are being signed up for all during this week.

Do you ever realize when you buy a scrambled egg sandwich or a chocolate marshmallow sundae at the Tea House, that you are adding to the scholarship fund which the Inn maintains? Between \$1000 and \$1200 are given in scholarships every year.

Paint And Patches Will Present "The Patsy"

On Friday night, December 9th, the new members of Paint, and patches will present "The Patsy," by Harry Connelly.

This is a light sparkling comedy, the lines of which are particularly witty. The cast is composed entirely of new members in the club, and the scenery is taken care of by Charlotte Whinery, also a member. Paint and Patches is very proud to have this opportunity of presenting its new talent.

Cast:

Bill Harrington—Betty Embrey
Mrs. Wm. Harrington—Alfred Burge

Grace Harrington—Betty Goff
Billy Caldwell—Mary E. Swift

Tony Anderson—Evelyn Claybrook
Sagie Buchanan—Mary Nick

Franc O'Flaherty—Mary Robinson
"Trap" Busty—Jean Cole

Christmas Carol Service To Be Sung December 11th

The traditional Carol Service gives each year by the choir, will be Sunday night, December 11th, in the chapel.

The decorations of the church and the red and white robes of the choir will add to the beauty of the occasion.

This year the music will be particularly lovely. Miss Wainright, the director, has searched for Christmas music unusual before at Sweet Briar, with the result that the program contains some very charming selections.

The first five numbers on the program, which is as follows, have never been sung at Sweet Briar: "Christmas Song," Gustav Holst; "A Dream of Christmas," Gustav Holst.

"Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella," Old French Carol
"I Saw Three Ships A Sailing," Mabel C. Osborne

"The Infant Christ," Peter Cornelius

"We Three Kings of Orient Are," Good King Wenceslaus.
"Holy Night, Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

ALUMNAE SECRETARY REPORTS ON TRIP THROUGH MID-WEST

MRS. BARRETT EXHIBITS WORK IN ART STUDIO

The Studio has its fall coloring in an exhibition of Mrs. Barrett's oils and water colors. Every spring and autumn she sends a collection of her paintings to Sweet Briar and it is her gift that, while the works are for sale, the college should have first enjoyment of them. The scenes depicted are, in the main, those of neighboring woods, or are views of the mountains so familiar to every one. There are a few sketches of scenes on road taken from places where Mrs. Barrett traveled and painted summer before last.

Mid-western hospitality cannot be surpassed! Everywhere the alumnae who attended the gatherings on my recent trip gave me a warm welcome. It mattered not whether they were academy girls, specials, former college students or graduates—all were keen to renew their memories of Sweet Briar of yesterday and to learn of Sweet Briar of today.

Many was the wee grandchild of Sweet Briar I met who is duly bound to land some day on this campus. The alumnae are looking forward eagerly to meeting with the under-graduates of their home towns on Sweet Briar Day, December 28th.

The Alumnae were informed of our present academic rating with the A. A. U. W. of the campus as it is now and of future plans for its development; of the approaching Endowment campaign, its organization, and the responsibility of the Alumnae; of the Board of Overseers; of the Alumnae Association, its present condition, its needs, its activities at the place of an Alumnae in college life; and of the urgent need of Alumnae Club.

I visited first in Pittsburgh where a tea was given at the home of Martin Lobinger '24. Twenty-two were present.

In Cleveland Dr. Glass, en route to Cincinnati, was present at a tea given at the home of Kathryn Bicknell '24. Because of the presence of Dr. Glass there was unusual enthusiasm at this meeting.

In Toledo, Pauline Payne '24, made a delightful hostess. The tea was held at the home of Mrs. Rachel Floyd '27. In Detroit Ruth Whelan '27 was hostess. A tea at the Woman's Club resulted in the formation of an Alumnae club with Elsie Morley '27, president and Martha Close Page '26, secretary and treasurer.

In Indianapolis the club includes all who live in Indiana. A luncheon bridge had been held the day before my arrival, but I met a few at luncheon at the Columbia club.

In Chicago Helen Hazelton, '26, was my hostess. The Alumnae met for luncheon in a private dining room at Marshall Field's.

In Milwaukee Marj. Reed Hartshorn '25, was responsible for the gathering. The Alumnae met at the college club and organized with Mrs. Hartshorn as president and Ida Bues as secretary and treasurer. Quarterly meetings were planned.

The Twin Cities Club combine Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Alumnae formed their club with Jerry McGiffert MacLennan '25, president and Mary Norwell Payne Millner, secretary and treasurer. Genevieve Black of Duluth was there and promises to start a similar group in her home city on December 28th.

In the Tri-Cities of Davenport, Moline, and Rock Island I found the alumnae so united by family bonds that their meetings are almost daily. A nominal club was formed though no regular plan was made. Eleanor Harned Arp '24, and Dodie Mae Crampton '24, each proudly displayed a cunning grandchild of Sweet Briar.

In Kansas City "Gagey" Woodworth's mother played the charming hostess. The music group met at the Athletic club for an early tea and organized with Mrs. Dorothy Cohen Ball as president and Eddie

"Sweet Briar House." (Continued on fourth page.)

CALENDAR

THURSDAY:
12:00 p. m.—Convocation.
Dr. Edwards—"The Lighter Side of Student Life in India."

7:00 p. m.—Choir Practice.
7:30 p. m.—French Club Bridge Party.

8:00 p. m.—Dress Rehearsal of Play. Chapel.

FRIDAY:
Chapel. Mr. Scott.

8:00 p. m.—"The Patsy."
New members of Paint and Patches. Chapel.

SATURDAY:
3:00-6:00 p. m.—Freshman Tea for Juniors. Reid.
8:00 p. m.—Drive Movie.

SUNDAY:
7:30 p. m.—Christmas Carol Service. Chapel.

MUNDAY:
7:30 p. m.—Classical Club Rehearsal. Chapel.

7:30 p. m.—Glee Club Rehearsal. Chapel.

8:00 p. m.—Minstrel Rehearsal. Chapel.

TUESDAY:
7:00 p. m.—Minstrel Rehearsal. Chapel.

7:30 p. m.—Tau Phi. Rehearsal.

7:30 p. m.—Minstrel Rehearsal. Chapel.

9:00 p. m.—English Club—Sweet Briar House.

Friday, members of the faculty and music majors, had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lewis Richards, the American Harpsichord Artist at a tea in Fergus-Heid parlor given by the Committee on Lectures of which Miss Miriam Weaver is chairman.

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On Monday morning from 9:00 to 1:00, there is always someone in the Cabin to receive contributions and notices.

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SUPPORT THE Y. W. C. A.

At this time of the year, with Christmas only a few days away, and winter weather already at hand, the Y. W. C. A. is in especial need of our interest and active cooperation. For more than ever before, its work is required, not only here at college, but also in the surrounding country.

At Sweet Briar this Association should always have the enthusiastic support of the entire student body in order to fulfill the purposes for which it was founded, but there is one season of the year when its opportunities for community work are unlimited. And this, as you may well be sure, is the Christmas season. Our ideal situation then proves particularly helpful to those of us who wish to increase human happiness and share our numerous blessings with the less fortunate members of our community.

Yet the association which the Y. W. C. A. represents is a very noble organization, and should be rendered as willingly in this as in any other pleasant day. Part of the work undertaken is the kind that affords pleasure to helper and helped alike. The Mission is greatly in need of our visits, and the committee in charge will gladly receive all volunteers to make the trip on Wednesday afternoons. Many children in the community will know the joy of Christmas only so far as we provide them. And a beautiful tree can give them more real happiness than we perhaps have ever known. Then, too, we can share with the waitresses our holiday pleasure.

Is it too much to ask a little of our time and thought in order that the spirit of Christmas may be spread abroad? Nor is the need of money, until at this critical time, and those whose dues are yet unpaid, must now realize the necessity for an immediate response. For at Christmas, more than at any other season of the year, there is especial need of self-sacrifice and whole-hearted consideration of others. Now, especially, should we remember that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

—Sister Hadaway

LET'S SING! — continued

Driving again! But this time we expect little of your time and none of your money. What we plead for is your whole-hearted attention and interest. Let's be a singing college!

President Glass made this stirring appeal a good, many weeks ago. Have you answered her call? Not so fully that the plea cannot stand repetition.

We do not accuse anyone of consciously ignoring the plea. We only realize that for many of you, singing is beyond your realm of interest. Enthusiasm for singing, or anything else, will come with a desire to be interested. We want you to want to sing. Song is natural to youth as breathing, and should be cultivated rather than suppressed.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said:

"For those that never sing,
And die with all their music in them."

To stimulate this interest, Lisa Guigon, our song leader for 1927-28, is initiating a song contest. Sweet Briar is in dire need of more and better songs. Our school has shown that she can sing her Alma Mater song, and "Galant the Rose, against the Green," with commendable spirit. If we had other songs just as popular written by present students, ought they not to be renewed interest in singing at Sweet Briar?

We are hoping for splendid results when this contest is underway. Class songs may be contributed, but special emphasis is to be laid on college songs. We know that comparisons are odious, but we have to admit that most of the Northern colleges have gone ahead of us in their singing. They have a large number of songs written for every sort of purpose and occasion. We are proud of Sweet Briar and we want to be proud of her singing. Let's sing!

LADDERGRAM.

1. EASY

2. MEDIUM

3. ADVANCED

4. EXPERT

5. CHALLENGE

7. WORK

STEPS TO LAST WEEK'S LADDERGRAM.

1. HIGH
2. RICE
3. LICE
4. LACE
5. PAGE
6. PALE
7. POLE
8. POLL
9. POOL
10. POOR

THE OPEN LETTER

This free press column has been started by The News for the use of our readers and with the desire that opinions or any matters of current interest.

All contributions to this column must be signed with the full name of the author when handed in at the office, but initials or numerals will be used if the writer so desires. The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements in this column.

To the Editor of The Sweet Briar News:

Why not have the names of at least the initials of the authors signed to some of the articles, and particularly to the "editors" of The News? Editorials are personal opinions, and what are "opinions" to us if we don't know whose they are? Besides, the contributors might be inspired to "hak" a few less mistakes in their articles if they knew that their names were going to be attached to them.

—Dorothy Shurman '28

To the Editor of the Sweet Briar News:

An article entitled "Sweet Briar Half A Century Ago" in The News of November 28, 1927, states: "Perhaps their most distinguished guest was Thomas Jefferson." When journeying between his home at Poplar Forest and Monticello he would often stop with the Williams' over night. He too, loved Sweet Briar.

I hesitate to "gush" this delightful historical anecdote. Especially does it grieve me to doubt that he, too, loved Sweet Briar. But Thomas Jefferson died in 1826, many years before Elijah Fletcher bought Sweet Briar. And "Miss Indy" didn't marry Mr. Williams until after the Civil War.

—Alanette Bartlett

Boxwood Inn-terests.

The majority of guests at the Inn last week were boys from the University of Virginia, and Washington and Lee.

Mrs. F. Boxley, Miss Louise Boxley, Mrs. Archer Leake, a former Sweet Briar student, and Mrs. Richmond Moore, all of Richmond, Va., visited Ida Moore.

Mrs. Steepe's mother, Mrs. Charles Yancey Steepe, Sr., of Lynchburg and Orange County, Va., is spending a week at Sweet Briar.

Mr. Floyd M. Kiesler of New York City visited his daughter Ruth, last week.

Alumnae News Box

Hester Mc C. Busey, a special in 1912, is now Mrs. William Wade. Walter F. Ervin, on Nov. 20th, married Marie Kloots '23, is on general assignment to the Pittsburg Post-Gazette.

Sue Williams, a special in 1914 in Dow Mrs. Scott Wharf of 5532 Gates ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Peggy Grinnell Burnett '10, sent the Alumnae Association \$6. to help them meet their expenses. We acknowledge thanks for this Rev. William Wright.

Ruth Turek Hemmings '18, is now living at 1017 Floyd, Louisville, Ky. She has a small son.

Louise Hammond Shimer '19, announces the birth of a daughter, Louise Hammond, on Nov. 11th.

Margaret Crumer '27, started work on Dec. 3rd in the book department of Hallie's Department Store in Cleveland.

Delia French is a graduate of the Univ. of Va. and is teaching law. Ruth Higgin '28 is now Mrs. B. MacDonald of Columbus, Ohio.

Wanda Jench '26, is taking a correspondence course in interior decoration.

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partment of Hallie's Department Store in Cleveland.

Lucille Barrow '23 is to marry Mr. James Hunter Lane on Dec. 14th at the "Cavalry" Episcopal church in Memphis at 8:30 o'clock in the evening.

THE TREES OF SWEET BRIAR.

There are many trees here, nor sentinel and fragrant in spring, there are many that are ancient and the largest and finest of the there is unusual beauty in the big oaks which in the breeze makes garden in which Sweet Briar has a soft sighing sound, silken than been set, and that, perhaps, the ocean-like roar of pines.

greatest of these beauties is the white oak, which is one of the most robust. In the upper part of the lower garden, in the corner, there is a white oak, which is about the size of a man's arm, and which is the largest tree in the woods.

Within the boxwood, in the center, is a great tree, which is the black walnut tree, which is about the size of a man's arm, and which is the largest tree in the woods.

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Athletics

Sophomore Gain First Points Towards Banner.

Now that the Hockey and Fall Archery seasons are over, it is well to take account of how the classes stand in the competition for the class banner.

This banner is awarded at the end of the year to the class having the greatest number of athletic points acquired in the different sports throughout the year.

Not only do winning teams decide which class wins a certain sport, but also the number of people out for the sport from a class in proportion to the size of the class. This percentage is added to the points gained by the class teams, winning ability, and helps tremendously towards the winning of a sport.

The Sophomores have won first place in the 1927 hockey season, thereby obtaining 100 points towards the banner. It has not yet been computed to which classes go second and third places.

The Seniors are winners of the Fall Archery tournament, receiving 40 points.

Everyone should remember that just by coming out for a sport she helps her class towards the class championship.

Red and White Teams Play First LaCrosse Game.

The first LaCrosse game was played last week between the Reds and the Whites. The Reds won 7 to 5.

The fact that this game was played speaks well for the fascinating new sport which is just getting started here at Sweet Briar.

The teams were composed of Freshmen mostly, but Miss Rogers, Miss Goretti, and the Head of Hockey also participated. The passing improved as the game progressed. It is hoped that LaCrosse can be kept up during the winter, intermittently, as the weather permits, so that, by spring, those who are interested will have the technique as second nature.

No Coasting Down Infirmary Hill

Dr. Harley requests the girls not to coast down the steep path in front of the Infirmary. There is a gutter of rocks at the foot of the hill, and a "spill" there might result in fractured skulls. In order to prevent such dolorous consequences Dr. Harley has barricaded the walls with Infirmary furniture — for "decorating the snow".

Basketball Practice Starts.

Now comes a lull in athletics, but not for long. The past week has been taken up with finishing up 6th, 7th and 8th team hockey games. The coming week will find the girls turning their interest towards the indoor game, basketball.

This sport gets started this week and although games will not be played till after Christmas, there will be chances for the ever-needed preliminary practices.

Those who must struggle with dancing and corrective gym, will be glad to hear that time will be arranged when they can play basketball, too.

Harpsichord Recital Offers Unique Pleasure

Lewis Richards gave a very enjoyable Harpsichord Recital, at Sweet Briar on Friday, December 2nd. Mr. Richards is head of the Music Department at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.

For the last six weeks he has been on a concert tour, and from Sweet Briar he went to Detroit where he played Sunday with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The program, which follows, was a particularly charming one:

Program

Passacaglia Handel

Gavotte and Musetta Bach

From English Suite in G Minor Bach

Prälude and Fugue in C Minor Bach

From Well-Tempered Clavichord Book 1, No. 2 Bach

The Harmonious Blacksmith Handel

A Gigue (Dr. Bull's My Self) From the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book Handel

Galliard to the Fifth Psalm John Bull

From My Lady Nevell's Book William Byrd

The Brook Ayton

Manuscripts from the Library of the Society of Ancient Instruments of Paris

Tower Hill Farinelli

From the Fitzwilliam Virginal Book

Faustola Variae Mozart

Arabesques Schumann

Gosp in the Spinning Wheel Schleider

Rondo Rameau

Manuscripts from the Library of the Society of Ancient Instruments of Paris

Musette en Rondo Rameau

Gigue Demarteau

Manuscripts from the Library of the Society of Ancient Instruments of Paris Martini

Gavotte Manuscripts from the Library of the Society of Ancient Instruments of Paris

The Cuckoo Douglie

Turkish March Mozart

Mr. Richards' very interesting program was made more so by his explanations of the origin of the harpsichord and of the composers whose work he played. He illustrated clearly the contrast between the tinkling tones of the harpsichord and those sonorous ones of the piano. Mr. Richards' technique on the harpsichord as well as on the piano was admirable. His interpretation of the works of the classic composers on the instrument for which they were written was fascinating. Mr. Richards' playing was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience.

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All unsuspecting the Doctor came, That hidden ditch was all to blame! — stalled — He stuck — Such bally, lucky!

He did not suffer long alone, Three bally Juniors names unknown — Camp rushing up to shew their grit And greatly he was welcome.

The Tea House lets a hump bag To take the place of his wee rag.

All heaved — All hauled — No luck at all!

While one bright lass the car, ill guide The others pushed from the rear side.

Then with a blythe the deed was done, And up the hill the car did run.

"Greatly obliged," he murmured low, "I'll take you for a ride, you know.

On some nice day,

The Juniors say, "Oh, damn the luck!"

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Merriesthesia To Be Placed In Future College Library

The librarians are finding most interesting work between the more urgent needs of the library, in the listing of the titles composing the Collection of George Meredith, the handsome bequest of our former professor, Dr. Elmer James Bailey, who died in 1926.

A great effort is being made to make a sufficiently definite list to compare with other collections.

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History Club Visits "Poplar Forest"

On Wednesday November 23rd, the members of the History Club made a trip to "Poplar Forest", the charming old house of Thomas Jefferson, situated just outside of Lynchburg. It is now owned by Mr. Hutton of Lynchburg, who with his daughter, Miss Claudine Hutton, a former professor at Sweet Briar, so kindly showed the Club through the house and over the grounds. The house was bought by the Hutton family just two years after Jefferson died, and in 1928 it will have been in the family just 100 years.

It has been the custom each year for the History Club to select some period or phase of History on which to make a detailed study. At the beginning of this year the members decided that it would be of particular interest to them to inquire into the early history of Virginia which is so rich in historical lore, and particularly the history of the territory surrounding Sweet Briar. The sources for a study are vast. Piedmont, Virginia, is a field hardly touched as yet by the historian. Its history becomes infinitely more vivid to us when we uncover for ourselves a bit of human history, a letter, a portrait, or a piece of furniture.

"Poplar Forest" planned, and built by Jefferson was, in a sense, his summer home. In his letters he says that it was a place of refuge from the crowds which thronged to Monticello. Among his varied belongings which have been preserved, is a fascinating old table, a product of Jeffersonian ingenuity. Its top is built in two layers with the very top layer revolving so that instead of having to reach across the other side to get something he had merely to swing it around with no effort at all. The house is octagon-shaped, red brick with the white pillars in front, so characteristic of American architecture. Set way back in the hills, it was an ideal spot for peace and quiet, for which he longed, that his great mind might not be bothered by interruptions from the outside world.

Miss Wainwright Advocates Cultivation Of Voice

"The Voice in Speech and Song" was the topic discussed by Miss Wainwright at Convocation Thursday. Miss Wainwright urged that day, "A" speech as well as "A" posture, made a Sweet Briar ideal.

The advantages of a charming voice were contrasted with the handicaps of an unpleasant one. Incorrect usage and bad habits cause most of the difficulties in speaking as well as singing, but these can be overcome by self-criticism, vigilance and training. After a brief discussion of the vocal mechanism, Miss Wainwright devoted the few remaining minutes to answering questions from the floor.

For those who care to see her personally about their individual voice difficulties, Miss Wainwright has posted a paper on Fletcher bulletin board on which all may sign up for appointments. She will be glad to test voices and give advice where it is needed.

Alumnae Secretary Reports On Trip Through Mid-West

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Meriwether Benson, ex-'24, secretary and treasurer. They plan to have monthly meetings.

In Louisville Mrs. Ida Walker Caster, '16, held a buffet lunch at her home. Elizabeth Cox, '27, was elected president and Catherine O'Bannan Culp secretary and treasurer. This group decided on quarterly meetings.

—Kay Norris.

Mrs. Carter To Talk On Chinese Culture

Mrs. Thomas F. Carter, lecturer on Chinese culture, writes that following the response made by Sweet Briar as indicated in the last issue of The News, she will be able to make her plans to come to Sweet Briar in late February or early March, to give to us her series of lectures as advertised in last week's paper.

Since the printing of the paper last week the following have added some period or phase of History on which to make a detailed study. At the beginning of this year the members decided that it would be of particular interest to them to inquire into the early history of Virginia which is so rich in historical lore, and particularly the history of the territory surrounding Sweet Briar. The sources for a study are vast. Piedmont, Virginia, is a field hardly touched as yet by the historian. Its history becomes infinitely more vivid to us when we uncover for ourselves a bit of human history, a letter, a portrait, or a piece of furniture.

Sir Rennell Rodd Lectures

Sir Rennell Rodd, who lectured at Sweet Briar November 30, is a distinguished personage in the diplomatic service of his country.

For thirty-seven years he has rendered foreign service in many and various parts of the world. Thus, his career is interesting and noteworthy.

"Diplomacy, Old and New" was the subject of his lecture. He discussed diplomacy itself, that is, what it means; he contrasted the old and the new diplomacy; he cited the attitude for a diplomat to adopt and the stumbling-blocks he is destined to encounter; he emphasized the need for well-trained men who expect to enter the field of diplomacy.

Diplomacy deals with the question as to how the relations of different countries can be most satisfactorily conducted. Sir Rennell Rodd mentioned as valuable and pertinent the aspect of diplomacy as viewed by Walter Hines Page, "the real secret of diplomacy, is courtesy, courtesy, and again courtesy."

The Congress of Berlin marked the climax of the old epoch of diplomacy.

Now, the administration of international affairs is characterized by openness and publicity, whereas, formerly, diplomats worked in secret, behind closed doors.

There are expeditionary requirements of tact and expediency in that there shall be an independent observer, with a discriminating nature. He must study and appreciate the sentiments of the people with whom he is living and he must try to discern their viewpoints. Above all, his attitude must be constantly sympathetic; never critical. He must overcome the language bar, lose sight of the human feeling among the people. Thus, he must know and understand the precise value of using the correct words, and he must never reveal a gesture of impatience. Finally, a diplomat must have very special training such as few other careers will demand.

College Group Plans A European Trip

Every year some Sweet Briar girls spend the summer abroad, enjoying such a vacation as a gift from "the family" upon graduation.

This year a number of girls are already making plans and the suggestion has been made that nothing could be nicer than seeing strange and unknown places with old and familiar friends. In other words to make up a "tour" with Sweet Briar students as a nucleus to which might be added members of similar interests from other colleges.

Last year Dr. Connor, who has lived abroad for a year and a half, conducted a party, consisting of fifteen Vassar students with one of their professors, from Glasgow to Rome and from Munich to Berlin, and it would seem that a similar itinerary would be suitable for next summer's party which will be conducted by him under the management of the Students' Travel Club of America. Miss Fraser, who has accompanied many another Sweet Briar party on pleasure trips, has been asked to organize and chaperone such a group from here, and is considering it very favorably.

Such students of the college who are interested should talk the matter over before the holidays in order to have definite details and literature for vacation discussions with their families before college re-opens in January.

Meredithiana In Library

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notably the Library of Congress and Wilkesley College, reputed to have a collection of which they are very proud. Dr. Bailey, a scholar and well acquainted with the value of rare editions, and with years of enthusiastic search for everything pertaining to his collection, claimed that his was the best—whether or not in jest, we have yet to determine, having no catalogue, unfortunately. Next week we will publish the number of volumes ascertained at that time, but the value of the collection appears to be not so much in the number as in the rarity of the volumes.

The formation of such a collection adds zest to our interest in the future library, plans for which are being gathered now. Any suggestions which our alumnae care to send us will be gratefully received at the Library.

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